

In addition to these, sanction for Chaygaon Growth Centre, Assam is under process.

The new Industrial Policy for the North-East has also been announced. Transport Subsidy Scheme has been extended up to 31.03.2007 in respect of NE States. Notification regarding revised PMRY guidelines with respect to relaxation of norms of age, activities covered etc. has been issued.

(ix) **Health:** For the Naga hospital at Kohima, Rs. 8 Crores has been released in 1998-99 for referrar facilities from Central Pool of Resources. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has prepared EFC proposal for the establishment of North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences, Shillong at an estimated cost of Rs. 422.60 crores.

(x) **Drinking Water:** The Aizawl Urban Drinking Water Supply Scheme, Itanagar-Naharlagun Water Supply Scheme and Greater Shillong Water Supply Scheme have been sanctioned an amount o^ Rs. 24.00 crores, 6.00 crores and 6.79 crores have been released respectively.

(xi) All the Ministries are earmarking 10% of their budget for North-East except certain exempted MinistriesDepartments.

Compensation under NFBS in Maharashtra

† *333. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise number of persons benefited under the National Family Benefit Scheme in cases of natural deaths as well as accidental deaths in Maharashtra particularly in tribal districts since the year 1996-97; and
- (b) the details of the benefits extended to the families of *U&* deceased under this scheme.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRr SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) The National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) is one of the components of the National Social Assistance Programme. District-wise details of the number of persons benefited under the NFBS in Maharashtra, (including those in the tribal districts) are contained in the statement (see below).

(2) The modified NFBS Guidelines issued by the Government of India (GoI) do not distinguish between natural and accidental death, though prior to 1.8.98, the GoI Guidelines maintained this distinction and provided Rs. 500/- to the bereaved BPL family in the event of natural death and Rs. 10,000[^] in the event of accidental death.

(3) The revised NFBS Guidelines provide for payment of an onetime grant of Rs. 10,000/- to the bereaved BPL family on the death of the primary bread earner. The following conditions are stipulated for payment of NFBS benefit.

- The primary breadwinner is defined as one whose earnings contribute substantially to the household income.
- The death of such primary breadwinner occurs while he or she is more than 18 years and less than 65 years of age.
- The bereaved household qualifies as one Below the Poverty Line, according to the criteria prescribed by the Govt, of India.
- The amount of benefit is Rs. 10000/- in the case of death of primary breadwinner due to natural or accidental causes. The family benefit is paid to such surviving member of the household of the deceased who, after local enquiry, is determined to be the head of the household.

STATEMENT

**National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) Number of the
persons benefited under NFBS in Maharashtra State: Maharashtra
Scheme: National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) Number
of Beneficiaries Reported**

SI. No	Name of the district	1996-97	1997-	1998-	1999-	2000-
1	Aurangabad	486	314	770	2339	
i	Ahmednagar*		85	502	244	53
3	Akola	232		641	665	
4	Amravati*	228	190	784	258	4
5	Beed			805	2315	
6	Bhandara*	228	312	221		
7	Bombay			177	93	
8	Bombay Suburbs	3	24	467	164	
9	Buldana			778	433	17
(0	Chandra pur*	126	377	500	565	159
11	Dhule*	146	194	407	247	
12	Gadchiroli*	40	459	115	365	65
13	Jalgaon	17	113	729	345	
14	Jalna			62	905	182
J 5	Koiphapur	41		612	194	
16	Latur	244	788	1138	111	
17	Nagpur*	335	828	2184	1443	
18	Nanded*	233		1020	234	
19	Nandurbar				415	
20	Nasik*		195	305	286	
21	Osmanabad		118	297	388	480
22	Parbhani	421		568	900	
23	Pune	150		451	112	
24	Raigad*	41	234	327	569	
25	Ratnagiri	45	59	275	496	50
26	Sangli		85	250	104	
27	Satara			1453	276	
28	Sindhudurg			280	850	
29	Solapur	1424	1042	1895	253	
30	Thane*			263	835	386
31	Wardha		34	360	220	

32	Washim				541	20
33	Yavatmal*	209	1659	1465	314	
34	Hingoli				94	
35	Gondia				34	
	TOTAL	4649	7172	20944	16884	1234

*Tribal Districts

** Provisional.

Introduction of Entry Tax BUI in State Assemblies

334. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many States in the Country have been allowed to introduce Entry Tax Bill in the State Assemblies;
- (b) whether there is any proposal from Assam for the same purpose; and
- (c) if so, what is the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) During the last five years, the previous sanction of the President under article 304(b) of the Constitution of India has been accorded to the introduction of Entry Tax Bills of States of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

The Assam Entry Tax Bill, 1998 is under consideration of the Government of India.

Pumping of Fake currency by I.S.I.

335. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of incidents of pumping of fake currency from across the Indo-Nepal border by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has been reported in the Press;
- (b) what action has been taken by CBI in this regard;